

Department of Health and Human Services



Disability Determination Unit
House Finance Division III
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DDU Mission



What is the mission?

The Disability Determination Unit (DDU) is responsible for determining the medical component for those pathways to eligibility in which the applicant must meet disability requirements in order to receive Medicaid benefits. The DDU is authorized to evaluate applicants for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD), Aid to the Needy Blind (ANB), Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities (MEAD) and Home Care-for Children with Severe Disabilities (Hc-CSD).



DDU Mission (Continued)



What are the populations that are served?

APTD, ANB, MEAD: persons between the ages of 18 and 64 years of age inclusive; is a resident of the state; and is disabled as defined in the federal Social Security Act, Titles II and XVI and the regulations adopted under such act, except that the minimum required duration of the impairment shall be 48 months.

- Note: There is no age limit in the blind category

Hc-CSD: Non-institutionalized children under 18 years of age who have a severe disability or chronic illness.



DDU Mission (Continued)



What are the required responsibilities of the organization to serve this population?

Enabling Legislation

* RSA 167:3-e, f, g - Public Assistance to Blind, Aged, Or Disabled Persons, and to Dependent Children: Defines recipient eligibility criteria for children with severe disabilities

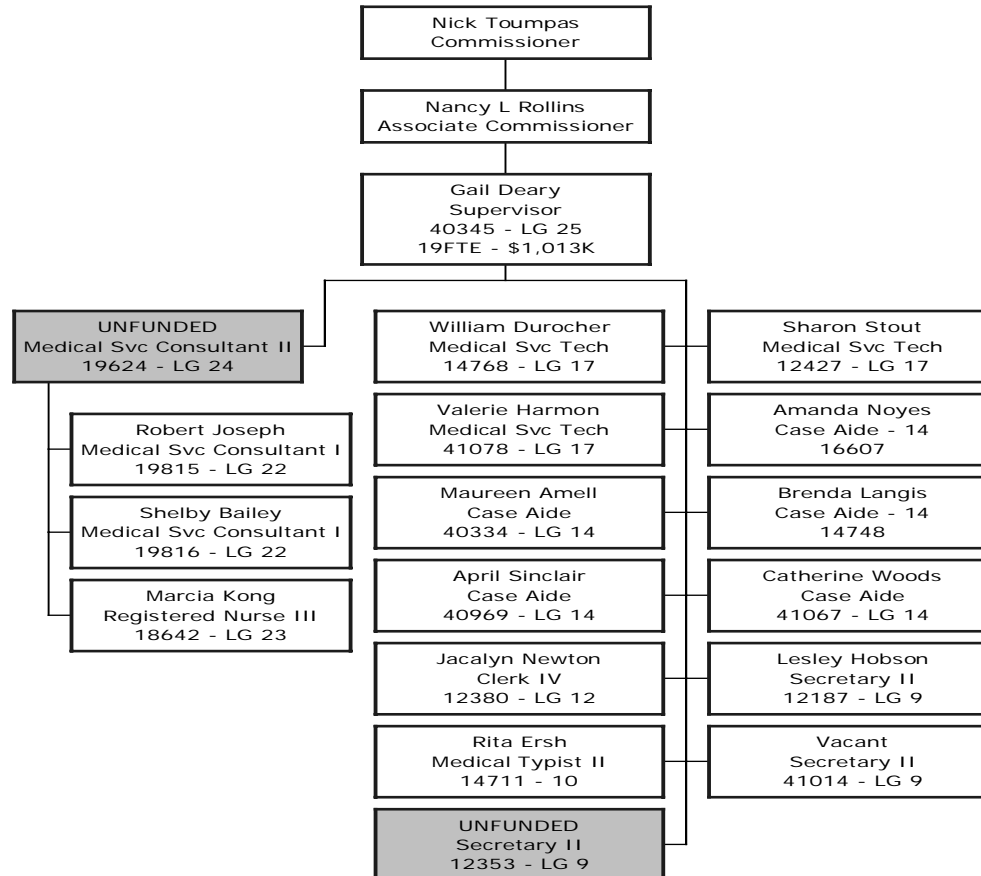
• RSA 167:6, IV, VI - Public Assistance to Blind, Aged, Or Disabled Persons, and to Dependent Children: Defines recipient eligibility criteria for the adult assistance programs

Key Administrative Rules

• He-W 508.01-03: Hc-CSD definitions, Recipient Eligibility, Degree of Care

* He-W 503.00-12: Rules defining the Disability Determination Process for adults seeking APTD

DDU Organizational Structure





DDU Cost Drivers



Identify and discuss the major cost drivers?

- Number of Disability Determinations in 2008: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

APTD/ANB	Total applications:	5,437
	Approvals:	4,152
	Denials:	2,100
MEAD	Total applications:	144
	Approvals:	96
	Denials:	86
Hc-CSD	Total applications:	378
	Approvals:	336
	Denials:	37



DDU Future Uncertainties



- What are the issues that bear watching?
 - In January 2008, 61.6 percent of the DDU's APTD cases had been in process for greater than 90 days; in November 2008, only 2.7 percent of the APTD cases were older than 90 days.
 - Additional staffing resources are necessary for the unit to continue to maintain these impressive stats.
 - Current staffing have substantial caseloads
 - Economic times have resulted in a 10% increase in applications

DDU Budget Request By Class



- Class view: SFY 08, SFY 09, SFY 10, SFY 11
 - Personnel & Benefits
 - Large class grant class lines

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	CLASS	SFY 2008 Expended	SFY 2009 Adj. Auth.	SFY 2010 Maintenance	SFY 2010 Governors	SFY 2011 Maintenance	SFY 2011 Governors
2	010-Personnel	422,098	1,255,567	641,797	573,067	662,224	590,594
3	046-Consultants	435,217	596,557	621,016	621,016	646,477	646,477
4	101-Medical Payments to Providers	-	-	-	666,181	-	693,494

DDU Building Blocks



■ DDU lines from Building Blocks

Division Funding		Title	SFY2010				SFY2011			
			Maint.		Governor's		Maint.		Governor's	
			Request		Budget		Request		Budget	
			Total Funds	General Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Total Funds	General Funds
IV State Optional Services										
DDU	Medicaid	DDU Consultants - Medical Determinations	\$621	\$311	\$621	\$311	\$646	\$323	\$646	\$323



DDU Change Requests & Other Items



- **List Change items not included in Gov. budget:**
Two classified FTE's (Case Aides) requested in the Departments Maintenance Budget were not included in the Governor's Budget.
- **List major changes from Maintenance to Governor's budget:**
Two classified FTE's (Medical Service Consultant II and Secretary II) are unfunded in SFY 2010 and SFY 2011; resulting in a budget reduction of \$140,567 on Class 010.
- **Major changes/issues:**
Services contracted with University of Massachusetts Medical School for backlog reductions and systems analysis.



Disability Determination Unit



Questions and Discussions